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The Honorable Kristi Noem
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Mr. Todd M. Lyons
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Dear Secretary Noem and Acting Director Lyons,

We write to express serious concern regarding the recent series of enforcement actions reportedly carried out by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) across multiple counties in California, including Ventura, Santa Barbara, Monterey, and Kern, among others, during the week of July 8–12, 2025.

According to multiple reports, ICE agents conducted large-scale, coordinated raids—many targeting agricultural sites—resulting in the detention of hundreds of individuals, most of whom are long-time community members and workers, including U.S. citizens. These operations appear to have involved aggressive tactics, including warrantless intrusions, racial profiling, and denial of access to counsel. Such actions raise significant constitutional, legal, and humanitarian concerns.

These enforcement actions also target individuals who are essential to local and state economies. The immigrant workers detained during these raids are overwhelmingly hard-working individuals who contribute daily to California’s agricultural industry and food supply chain. Many have lived in the United States for decades, raising families and building deep ties in their communities. Targeting these essential workers not only harms families but disrupts vital economic sectors that depend on their labor and dedication.

In light of these events, and in view of the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) issued on July 11, 2025, in *Vasquez Perdomo v. Noem*, we respectfully request the following detailed information about these enforcement operations:

1. **How many individuals were detained** during ICE operations in California from July 8 to July 12, 2025?
2. **Where are those individuals currently being held?** Please provide facility names and addresses.
3. **Are individuals in your custody being provided with reliable access to basic needs?** Please include when they are being provided water, food, sanitation, and hygiene.
4. **What was the legal basis** for the initial stops, arrests, and detentions, particularly in light of the court’s prohibition on reliance upon race, ethnicity, language, or occupation as

justification?

5. **Were administrative warrants obtained and presented** prior to entering any private areas, including worker housing or vehicles? Please include a copy of the warrant.
6. **Did ICE coordinate or communicate with any local or state law enforcement agencies** during the planning or execution of these operations? If so, please detail the nature and scope of that cooperation.
7. **How will ICE adjust its operational practices** in California in light of the court's TRO, which restricts stops lacking individualized suspicion and mandates access to legal counsel?

We also request confirmation that individuals currently detained, as a result of these raids, are being granted regular and confidential access to legal representation, in accordance with the court's ruling.

Furthermore, we want to reiterate that Members of Congress have both the constitutional authority and the responsibility to conduct oversight of federal agencies, including ICE. This includes the right to observe enforcement operations and inspect detention facilities without prior notice, as affirmed by federal law and agency policy. Any attempt to obstruct congressional access during enforcement activities or to withhold information from elected representatives will be regarded as a serious violation of that duty and rights.

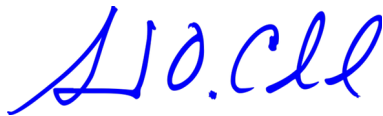
These raids have caused widespread fear and disruption across communities, and they raise deeply troubling questions about ICE's commitment to due process and constitutional norms. As Members of Congress, we will be closely monitoring any future enforcement actions to ensure they comply with federal court orders, respect individual rights, and uphold the rule of law.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We respectfully request a response by **July 25, 2025**.

Sincerely,



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Congressional Hispanic Caucus



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